IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): ~~In a~~ A magnet compound material ~~containing~~ comprising a magnetic powder and fine, thermoplastic resin grains as major components[[,]]; and at least one of a pigment and a charge control agent ~~is additionally contained~~.

Claim 2 (Original): The material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic resin grains have a softening point of 90°C or below.

Claim 3 (Original): The material as claimed in claim 2, wherein the thermoplastic resin grains comprise spherical grains produced by polymerization.

Claim 4 (Original): The material as claimed in claim 2, wherein a mixture of the thermoplastic resin grains and at least one of the pigment and the charge control agent comprises a kneaded compound of spherical grains.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The material as claimed in claim 2, ~~wherein~~ further comprising a fluidity imparting agent, ~~comprising~~ which comprises fine grains having surfaces subjected to hydrophobic processing~~, is additionally contained~~.

Claim 6 (Original): The material as claimed in claim 5, wherein a ratio of the fluidity imparting agent to the entire material is between 0.3 wt.% and 0.8 wt.%.

Claim 7 (Original): The material as claimed in claim 2, wherein a content of components other than the magnetic powder is between 3 wt.% and 10 wt.%.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The material as claimed in claim 2, wherein a mean grain size of the thermoplastic resin grains is ~~one-length~~ one-tenth of a mean grain size of the magnetic powder or less.

Claim 9 (Original): The material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic resin grains comprise spherical grains produced by polymerization.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The material as claimed in claim 9, ~~wherein~~ further comprising a fluidity imparting agent, ~~comprising~~ which comprises fine grains having surfaces subjected to hydrophobic processing~~, is additionally contained~~.

Claim 11 (Original): The material as claimed in claim 10, wherein a ratio of the fluidity imparting agent to the entire material is between 0.3 wt.% and 0.8 wt.%.

Claim 12 (Original): The material as claimed in claim 9, wherein a content of components other than the magnetic powder is between 3 wt.% and 10 wt.%.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The material as claimed in claim 9, wherein a mean grain size of the thermoplastic resin grains is ~~one-length~~ one-tenth of a mean grain size of the magnetic powder or less.

Claim 14 (Original): The material as claimed in claim 1, wherein a mixture of the thermoplastic resin grains and at least one of the pigment and the charge control agent comprises a kneaded compound of spherical grains.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The material as claimed in claim 14, ~~wherein~~ further comprising a fluidity imparting agent, ~~comprising~~ which comprises fine grains having surfaces subjected to hydrophobic processing~~, is additionally contained~~.

Claim 16 (Original): The material as claimed in claim 15, wherein a ratio of the fluidity imparting agent to the entire material is between 0.3 wt.% and 0.8 wt.%.

Claim 17 (Original): The material as claimed in claim 14, wherein a content of components other than the magnetic powder is between 3 wt.% and 10 wt.%.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The material as claimed in claim 14, wherein a mean grain size of the thermoplastic resin grains is ~~one-length~~ one-tenth of a mean grain size of the magnetic powder or less.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The material as claimed in claim 1, ~~wherein~~ further comprising a fluidity imparting agent, ~~comprising~~ which comprises fine grains having surfaces subjected to hydrophobic processing~~, is additionally contained~~.

Claim 20 (Original): The material as claimed in claim 19, wherein a ratio of the fluidity imparting agent to the entire material is between 0.3 wt.% and 0.8 wt.%.

Claim 21 (Original): The material as claimed in claim 19, wherein a content of components other than the magnetic powder is between 3 wt.% and 10 wt.%.

Claim 22 (Original): The material as claimed in claim 1, wherein a content of components other than the magnetic powder is between 3 wt.% and 10 wt.%.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The material as claimed in claim 1, wherein a mean grain size of the thermoplastic resin grains is ~~one-length~~ one-tenth of a mean grain size of the magnetic powder or less.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): ~~In a~~ A magnetic molding produced by compression-molding a magnet compound material in a magnetic field, wherein said magnet compound material ~~contains~~ comprises, in addition to magnetic powder and fine, thermoplastic resin grains that are major components, at least one of a pigment and a charge control agent.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): ~~In a~~ A method of producing a magnet molding by compression-molding a magnet compound material in a magnetic field while heating said magnet compound material at a temperature equal to or lower than a softening point of a thermoplastic resin, wherein said magnet compound material ~~contains~~ comprises, in addition to magnetic powder and fine, thermoplastic resin grains that are major components, at least one of a pigment and a charge control agent.

Claim 26 (Original): The method as claimed in claim 25, wherein the magnetic field is applied in a direction perpendicular to a direction of pressing.

Claim 27 (Withdrawn and Currently Amended): ~~In a~~ A magnet roller for development comprising a roller, which comprises:

a plastic magnet containing magnetic powder dispersed in a high-molecular compound and is formed with at least one recess for receiving another member at a position corresponding to a given magnetic pole[[,]]; and

a magnet molding received in said recess and having a stronger magnetic force than said plastic magnet,

wherein said magnet molding is produced by compression-molding a magnet compound material in a magnetic field while heating said magnet compound material at a temperature equal to or lower than a softening point of a thermoplastic resin, and said magnet compound material ~~contains~~ comprises, in addition to magnetic powder and fine, thermoplastic resin grains that are major components, at least one of a pigment and a charge control agent.

Claim 28 (Original): The roller as claimed in claim 27, wherein the magnet molding is magnetically anisotropic and has a $(BH)_{max}$ value of 13 mGOe or above.

Claim 29 (Withdrawn and Currently Amended): ~~In a~~ A developing device comprising a magnet roller, said magnet roller ~~comprises~~ comprising a roller, which comprises:

a plastic magnet containing magnetic powder dispersed in a high-molecular compound and is formed with at least one recess for receiving another member at a position corresponding to a given magnetic pole[[,]]; and

a magnet molding received in said recess and having a stronger magnetic force than said plastic magnet,

wherein said magnet molding is produced by compression-molding a magnet compound material in a magnetic field while heating said magnet compound material at a temperature equal to or lower than a softening point of a thermoplastic resin, and said magnet compound material ~~contains~~ comprises, in addition to magnetic powder and fine, thermoplastic resin grains that are major components, at least one of a pigment and a charge control agent.

Claim 30 (Withdrawn and Currently Amended): ~~In a~~ A process cartridge comprising a magnet roller for development, said magnet roller ~~comprises~~ comprising a roller, which comprises:

a plastic magnet containing magnetic powder dispersed in a high-molecular compound and is formed with at least one recess for receiving another member at a position corresponding to a given magnetic pole[[,]]; and

a magnet molding received in said recess and having a stronger magnetic force than said plastic magnet,

wherein said magnet molding is produced by compression-molding a magnet compound material in a magnetic field while heating said magnet compound material at a temperature equal to or lower than a softening point of a thermoplastic resin, and said magnet compound material ~~contains~~ comprises, in addition to magnetic powder and fine, thermoplastic resin grains that are major components, at least one of a pigment and a charge control agent.

Claim 31 (Withdrawn and Currently Amended): ~~In an~~ An image forming apparatus comprising a magnet roller for development, said magnet roller ~~comprises~~ comprising a roller, which comprises:

a plastic magnet containing magnetic powder dispersed in a high-molecular compound and is formed with at least one recess for receiving another member at a position corresponding to a given magnetic pole[[,]]; and

a magnet molding received in said recess and having a stronger magnetic force than said plastic magnet,

wherein said magnet molding is produced by compression-molding a magnet compound material in a magnetic field while heating said magnet compound material at a temperature equal to or lower than a softening point of a thermoplastic resin, and said magnet compound material ~~contains~~ comprises, in addition to magnetic powder and fine, thermoplastic resin grains that are major components, at least one of a pigment and a charge control agent.